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Consumer Price Index ◆ September 2008

Consumer Price Index (2002=100)

Highlights

- British Columbia's Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose 3.3% from September 2007, maintaining the pace set last month. The lowest inflation was seen again in New Brunswick at 2.4%, while Prince Edward Island continues to post the highest inflation at 5.5%. Nationally, prices rose 3.4% compared to a year ago.

- Among the metropolitan areas, Charlottetown continued to have the highest year-over-year increase in consumer prices (+5.2%) followed by St. John's (+4.6%). The smallest increase was seen in Saint John (+2.3%). Vancouver's CPI rose 3.5% from September 2007, while prices in Victoria rose a more modest 2.9%.

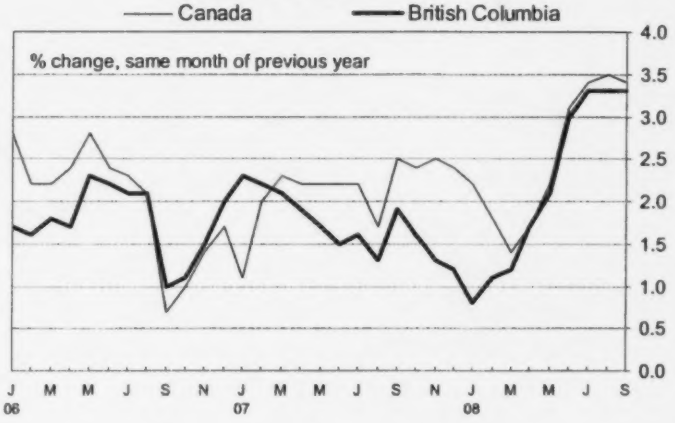
- BC's overall Energy index rose 21.7% from last September, due mostly to substantial price increases in fuel oil (+42.3%), gasoline (+28.2%), and piped gas (+20.2%). Prices for bakery & other cereal products also remain high (+13.2%) along with fresh fruit (+12.3) and fresh vegetables (+11.3). Offsetting these increases were lower prices for reading material & other printed matter (-5.2%), women's clothing (-2.7%), footwear (-2.4%) and children's clothing (-2.1).

- BC's All-Items CPI Excluding Energy rose 1.7% from September 2007. The comparable figure for Canada was 1.9%.

Note: Statistics Canada will release the October Consumer Price Index on November 21, 2008.

2002=100	All-Items Index	% Change from	
	Sept 2008	Aug 2008	Sept 2007
Canada	115.7	0.1	3.4
BC	114.1	0.1	3.3
Vancouver	114.6	0.1	3.5
Victoria	113.3	0.1	2.9
Core Canada[1]	112.4	0.4	1.7

BC and Canada Inflation Trend



2002=100	Latest 12-month Average Index (ending in Sept 2008)	Latest 12-month Average % Change	2007 Annual Average % Change
Canada	113.6	2.5	2.2
BC	111.8	2.0	1.8
Vancouver	112.2	2.2	2.0
Victoria	111.2	1.5	1.2

[1]**The Core CPI for Canada:** Defined by the Bank of Canada as the All-items index excluding the eight most volatile components (fruit, vegetables, gasoline, fuel oil, natural gas, mortgage interest, inter-city transportation and tobacco products). Also excluded is the effect of changes in indirect taxes on the remaining components.

Excerpt from Statistics Canada's "The Daily", Tuesday, June 19, 2007

Note to readers

. . . Statistics Canada has updated the Consumer Price Index (CPI) to reflect changes in the spending patterns of Canadian households.

The update, which occurs periodically, is designed to ensure the CPI's reliability for three key purposes: a measure of inflation, a statistical series deflator, and a tool for indexing various payments and transfers.

With this updated basket, the 12-month change in the all-items index was 0.1 percentage points higher than its movement would have been based on the 2001 basket. This increase reflects the updating of weights and the introduction of new goods and services into the CPI.

The weights of various items in the basket of goods and services used to calculate the index have been updated from 2001 to 2005. In addition, the CPI base year (the period for which the value 100 is assigned to the index) has changed from 1992 to 2002.

Users should note that the changeover to the base year 2002=100 will in no way alter rates of changes measured for previous periods, barring rounding.

The weights for the various components of the basket of goods and services are being updated on the basis of the most recent Survey of Household Spending (SHS). The update ensures that the CPI reflects any changes in the consumption patterns of Canadians.

The weights between January 2003 and mid-2007 are based on 2001 consumption patterns. The new basket is based on patterns obtained by the 2005 SHS.

September 2008 Consumer Price Index (2002=100)

	British Columbia			Canada		
	Index	% Change		Index	% Change	
	September	August	September	September	August	September
	2008	2008	2007	2008	2008	2007
All-Items Index (2002=100)	**114.1**	**0.1**	**3.3**	**115.7**	**0.1**	**3.4**
Food	**114.7**	**0.5**	**5.5**	**117.1**	**0.3**	**5.6**
Food Purchased From Stores	113.8	0.7	6.8	116.5	0.1	6.7
Meat	113.8	0.2	5.1	115.6	0.5	3.4
Fish & Other Seafood	97.0	-0.5	-0.6	101.8	0.6	1.6
Dairy Products & Eggs	119.1	0.8	5.1	125.7	0.7	4.2
Bakery & Other Cereal Products	126.9	-1.1	13.2	134.6	-0.9	15.5
Fruit, Fruit Preparations & Nuts	110.9	0.2	8.7	110.3	-0.2	7.0
Fresh Fruit	108.3	0.2	12.3	106.4	0.3	12.7
Vegetables & Vegetable Preparations	103.3	-0.3	10.1	95.3	-4.0	10.9
Fresh Vegetables	99.3	-0.7	11.3	89.0	-5.8	12.9
Other Food Products	112.0	3.1	3.7	115.3	1.9	4.7
Coffee & Tea	110.8	-0.3	1.7	115.4	1.2	4.2
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	100.0	2.6	5.6	109.4	4.4	2.9
Food Purchased From Restaurants	116.4	0.1	3.1	118.5	0.5	3.2
Shelter	**115.6**	**0.1**	**3.8**	**123.1**	**-0.6**	**4.5**
Rented Accommodation	106.5	0.1	2.0	108.2	0.1	1.6
Owned Accommodation	116.2	0.2	2.6	125.1	0.2	4.0
Property taxes	123.9	0.0	4.4	120.3	0.0	3.8
Water, Fuel & Electricity	130.6	0.1	12.6	139.5	-4.1	9.2
Electricity	113.5	0.0	3.7	113.2	-1.2	-1.9
Piped Gas	144.5	0.0	20.2	158.3	-9.3	22.3
Fuel Oil & Other Fuel	243.4	1.2	42.3	239.0	-5.5	40.1
Household Operations & Furnishings	**104.3**	**0.9**	**1.5**	**105.6**	**1.1**	**1.8**
Household Operations	108.3	0.9	1.8	110.8	1.3	3.6
Household Furnishings	96.9	0.6	0.9	96.8	1.0	-1.0
Clothing & Footwear	**101.3**	**2.6**	**-1.2**	**96.1**	**2.6**	**-1.3**
Clothing	96.9	4.5	-1.6	92.0	3.6	-2.6
Women's Clothing	99.1	6.1	-2.7	92.7	5.0	-4.2
Men's Clothing	97.2	3.8	-1.1	93.8	2.1	-0.5
Children's Clothing	88.3	-0.9	2.1	84.9	2.9	-2.0
Footwear	101.0	0.4	-2.4	95.4	1.7	0.3
Transportation	**122.2**	**-1.5**	**5.3**	**122.4**	**-0.6**	**4.7**
Private Transportation	122.5	-0.6	5.2	122.6	0.0	4.7
Operation of Motor Vehicles	149.3	-0.7	14.8	154.6	0.6	14.8
Gasoline	192.3	-1.3	28.2	185.3	0.9	26.5
Public Transportation	121.0	-6.3	6.7	120.8	-5.6	5.7
Local & Commuter	122.8	0.0	6.2	126.1	0.7	5.8
Inter-City	120.4	-8.6	6.9	117.8	-8.9	5.7
Health & Personal Care	**109.1**	**-0.2**	**0.6**	**109.4**	**0.1**	**1.7**
Health Care	114.5	0.1	2.3	113.6	0.3	2.0
Personal Care	102.8	-0.5	-1.8	105.4	-0.2	1.3
Recreation, Education & Reading	**111.9**	**0.1**	**0.7**	**103.9**	**0.4**	**0.5**
Recreation	101.2	-0.7	0.5	98.2	-0.5	-0.1
Education & Reading	146.0	2.0	1.3	121.5	2.6	1.8
Education	158.3	2.1	2.6	125.5	3.0	3.1
Reading Material & Other Printed Matter	104.8	1.2	-5.2	106.9	0.7	-4.2
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	**121.1**	**-0.2**	**1.0**	**128.0**	**0.4**	**1.1**
Alcoholic Beverages	112.3	-0.1	1.6	112.1	0.5	0.8
Alcoholic Beverages Purchased from Stores	112.6	-0.2	2.1	110.2	0.7	0.2
Beer Purchased from Stores	118.3	-1.1	1.5	112.7	1.3	-1.0
Liquor Purchased from Stores	110.5	1.2	4.1	109.2	0.4	2.0
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	131.0	-0.2	0.2	142.0	0.1	1.5
Cigarettes	131.0	-0.1	0.2	141.9	0.1	1.4
All-Items Excluding Food	114.0	0.0	2.8	115.4	0.0	2.9
All-Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	113.8	0.1	3.3	115.2	0.1	3.5
All-Items Excluding Food & Energy	109.8	0.1	0.7	110.8	0.3	1.0

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British Columbia

		% Change									
	Year	All Items	Annual Average	Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing & Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation & Education	Alcohol & Tobacco
	2004	104.2	2.0	103.2	104.0	101.6	99.5	106.1	102.5	106.1	112.8
	2005	106.3	2.0	104.5	106.2	102.2	99.9	110.5	104.7	107.5	114.3
	2006	108.1	1.7	106.5	108.7	102.0	99.9	114.2	106.4	107.5	116.0
	2007	110.0	1.8	109.3	110.9	102.6	99.9	116.2	107.9	109.0	119.1
			Month Year								
2007											
	Jan	109.0	0.2 2.3	108.8	109.9	102.7	101.0	114.1	107.1	106.4	118.1
	Feb	109.1	0.1 2.2	109.4	110.1	102.6	101.0	113.5	107.7	106.9	118.5
	Mar	109.5	0.4 2.1	109.2	110.2	103.0	100.9	115.5	108.1	107.3	118.2
	Apr	109.9	0.4 1.9	109.5	109.9	102.4	100.6	118.0	108.3	107.3	118.4
	May	110.5	0.5 1.7	108.8	110.0	102.2	99.0	121.0	107.9	109.6	118.9
	Jun	110.3	-0.2 1.5	109.7	110.4	102.9	96.5	118.3	108.5	109.8	119.3
	Jul	110.5	0.2 1.6	109.7	110.9	102.8	97.9	117.4	108.3	110.9	119.3
	Aug	110.4	-0.1 1.3	109.8	111.1	103.3	99.3	115.5	108.5	111.0	119.6
	Sep	110.5	0.1 1.9	108.7	111.4	102.8	102.5	116.0	108.5	111.1	119.9
	Oct	110.0	-0.5 1.6	109.0	111.8	102.1	101.9	113.9	107.8	110.1	119.6
	Nov	110.1	0.1 1.3	109.3	112.2	102.0	99.7	115.2	107.0	109.0	119.7
	Dec	110.1	0.0 1.2	109.5	112.5	102.7	98.2	115.6	106.5	108.0	119.4
2008											
	Jan	109.9	-0.2 0.8	109.6	112.6	102.2	98.0	115.4	106.9	106.7	119.1
	Feb	110.3	0.4 1.1	110.0	112.9	102.5	99.1	115.5	107.0	107.4	120.1
	Mar	110.8	0.5 1.2	109.7	113.1	102.5	101.1	117.1	107.3	108.2	120.7
	Apr	111.8	0.9 1.7	110.3	113.8	103.8	100.8	119.0	108.9	109.1	120.6
	May	112.8	0.9 2.1	111.8	114.1	103.8	97.3	122.4	108.6	111.2	120.8
	June	113.6	0.7 3.0	113.1	114.1	103.6	97.6	125.2	108.5	111.4	120.7
	July	114.2	0.5 3.3	113.9	115.4	103.5	97.9	125.7	107.9	111.9	121.0
	Aug	114.0	-0.2 3.3	114.1	115.5	103.4	98.7	124.0	109.3	111.8	121.3
	Sep	114.1	0.1 3.3	114.7	115.6	104.3	101.3	122.2	109.1	111.9	121.1
	Oct										
	Nov										
	Dec										

Canada

		% Change									
	Year	All Items	Annual Average	Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing & Footwear	Trans-portation	Health & Personal	Recreation & Education	Alcohol & Tobacco
	2004	104.7	1.8	103.8	105.8	101.2	98.0	107.7	102.8	101.1	116.0
	2005	107.0	2.2	106.4	109.2	101.7	97.6	112.0	104.6	100.8	119.1
	2006	109.1	2.0	108.9	113.1	102.2	95.8	115.2	105.9	100.6	121.7
	2007	111.5	2.2	111.8	116.9	103.2	95.7	117.1	107.3	101.8	125.5
			Month Year								
2007											
	Jan	109.4	0.0 1.1	110.9	114.8	102.4	94.2	113.3	106.3	99.2	124.2
	Feb	110.2	0.7 2.0	112.6	114.9	103.0	95.4	114.2	106.5	100.2	124.2
	Mar	111.1	0.8 2.3	112.2	115.4	103.2	97.5	117.7	106.4	100.9	124.1
	Apr	111.6	0.5 2.2	112.2	116.2	103.3	97.7	118.6	106.8	100.9	124.5
	May	112.1	0.4 2.2	112.5	116.0	103.0	96.0	120.7	107.4	102.2	125.2
	Jun	111.9	-0.2 2.2	112.6	116.8	103.0	93.1	119.2	107.9	102.5	125.7
	Jul	112.0	0.1 2.2	112.3	117.0	103.2	94.6	118.5	107.5	103.0	126.0
	Aug	111.7	-0.3 1.7	111.8	117.6	103.5	95.4	116.3	107.6	102.9	126.1
	Sep	111.9	0.2 2.5	110.9	117.8	103.7	97.4	116.9	107.6	103.4	126.6
	Oct	111.6	-0.3 2.4	110.7	118.7	103.4	97.1	115.2	107.5	102.7	126.3
	Nov	111.9	0.3 2.5	111.3	118.8	103.3	96.4	116.7	108.0	102.0	126.5
	Dec	112.0	0.1 2.4	111.7	119.2	103.5	93.7	117.5	107.7	101.2	126.2
2008											
	Jan	111.8	-0.2 2.2	112.4	119.2	103.3	92.2	117.6	107.5	99.6	126.4
	Feb	112.2	0.4 1.8	112.8	119.6	104.1	94.1	117.0	107.7	100.8	126.8
	Mar	112.6	0.4 1.4	112.6	120.1	104.1	96.0	117.8	107.9	101.3	126.6
	Apr	113.5	0.8 1.7	113.5	121.2	104.4	94.3	120.1	108.3	101.6	126.7
	May	114.6	1.0 2.2	114.6	121.6	104.3	93.0	123.6	108.6	102.9	127.4
	June	115.4	0.7 3.1	115.8	122.3	104.3	92.5	125.8	108.7	102.9	127.7
	July	115.8	0.3 3.4	116.5	123.3	104.4	93.3	125.7	108.5	103.2	127.6
	Aug	115.6	-0.2 3.5	116.8	123.8	104.4	93.7	123.1	109.3	103.5	127.5
	Sep	115.7	0.1 3.4	117.1	123.1	105.6	96.1	122.4	109.4	103.9	128.0
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Vancouver

			% Change			Accommodation		Water, Fuel
	Year	All Items	Annual Average		Shelter	Rented	Owned	Electricity
	2004	104.0	2.0		103.4	102.2	103.3	106.9
	2005	106.0	1.9		105.1	102.7	105.3	109.5
	2006	108.0	1.9		108.2	103.2	109.5	112.4
	2007	110.2	2.0		111.8	104.3	114.9	112.3
			Month	Year				
2007	Jan	109.0	-0.1	2.6	110.2	103.5	112.0	115.0
	Feb	109.3	0.3	2.8	110.4	103.6	112.5	114.2
	Mar	109.6	0.3	2.5	110.5	103.7	112.6	114.2
	Apr	110.0	0.4	2.3	110.2	103.8	112.8	111.1
	May	110.6	0.5	2.0	110.6	103.9	113.9	109.2
	Jun	110.5	-0.1	1.9	111.6	104.2	114.5	112.9
	Jul	110.7	0.2	2.0	112.2	104.4	115.4	112.9
	Aug	110.6	-0.1	1.7	112.4	104.5	115.8	112.9
	Sep	110.7	0.1	2.1	112.6	104.8	115.9	113.3
	Oct	110.4	-0.3	1.8	113.1	105.1	117.2	110.4
	Nov	110.4	0.0	1.4	113.5	105.2	117.6	110.5
	Dec	110.5	0.1	1.3	113.7	105.3	118.0	110.5
2008	Jan	110.2	-0.3	1.1	113.8	105.5	117.7	112.6
	Feb	110.7	0.5	1.3	114.2	105.6	118.2	112.7
	Mar	111.2	0.5	1.5	114.2	105.8	118.2	112.8
	Apr	112.1	0.8	1.9	114.9	105.9	118.8	115.1
	May	113.2	1.0	2.4	115.3	106.2	119.2	115.2
	June	113.9	0.6	3.1	115.3	106.4	119.2	115.2
	July	114.7	0.7	3.6	117.0	106.7	119.2	128.5
	Aug	114.5	-0.2	3.5	117.0	106.8	119.1	128.5
	Sep	114.6	0.1	3.5	117.1	106.8	119.3	128.4
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Victoria

			% Change			Accommodation		Water, Fuel
	Year	All Items	Annual Average		Shelter	Rented	Owned	Electricity
	2004	104.6	2.3		105.1	101.9	105.4	110.5
	2005	106.9	2.2		108.3	102.5	109.0	116.4
	2006	108.5	1.5		110.2	103.3	111.1	119.2
	2007	109.8	1.2		110.4	104.6	110.6	121.2
			Month	Year				
2007	Jan	109.1	0.1	1.8	110.6	103.9	110.9	122.9
	Feb	109.3	0.2	1.9	110.8	104.0	111.5	120.9
	Mar	109.7	0.4	2.0	110.8	104.1	111.4	121.0
	Apr	109.9	0.2	1.4	110.3	104.2	111.1	119.0
	May	110.2	0.3	0.9	110.0	104.3	110.8	116.4
	Jun	109.9	-0.3	0.8	109.5	104.7	109.2	121.4
	Jul	110.1	0.2	0.8	109.9	104.7	109.8	121.4
	Aug	110.0	-0.1	0.6	109.9	104.9	109.8	121.4
	Sep	110.1	0.1	1.2	110.4	105.1	110.4	121.5
	Oct	109.5	-0.5	0.8	110.4	105.0	110.4	121.7
	Nov	109.6	0.1	0.6	110.9	105.3	110.9	123.0
	Dec	109.7	0.1	0.6	111.3	105.5	111.4	123.8
2008	Jan	109.4	-0.3	0.3	111.3	105.7	111.2	124.9
	Feb	109.8	0.4	0.5	111.6	105.9	111.6	124.9
	Mar	110.4	0.5	0.6	111.9	106.2	111.7	126.8
	Apr	111.4	0.9	1.4	112.9	106.4	112.4	131.6
	May	112.3	0.8	1.9	112.9	106.5	112.3	132.8
	June	113.0	0.6	2.8	112.9	106.6	112.1	133.4
	July	113.3	0.3	2.9	113.0	106.8	112.1	134.4
	Aug	113.2	-0.1	2.9	113.2	107.2	112.1	134.4
	Sep	113.3	0.1	2.9	113.4	107.3	112.4	134.9
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	Nov							
	Dec							